

III. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of these claims for at least the following reasons.

B. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-14 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0054854 to Thiyyagarajan et al. (“Thiyyagarajan”). Specifically, the Office Action asserts that Thiyyagarajan discloses all elements of these claims. Applicants respectfully disagree.

In order for a claim to be anticipated by a reference, that reference must disclose each and every element of the claimed invention. See Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987) (“A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.”); see also Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (“The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the . . . claim.”). Independent claim 1 recites:

1. A method for updating information on a client computer, the method comprising:
 - creating a data cache as a subset of a larger database;
 - performing a periodic refresh of the data cache from the larger database;
 - identifying change in the data cache;
 - responsive to the change in the data cache, sending a message to the client; and
 - responsive to the message, automatically requesting the changed data.

Appl'n, Claim 1 (emphasis added).¹ According to one embodiment of the present invention, the claimed method may be used to update information on a client computer, such as a client browser, responsive to changes in a data cache. For example, the data cache is periodically refreshed or reloaded. See, e.g., Appl'n, ¶ 0143. If there were changes to the data cache, registered clients, such as client browsers, are notified of the change. See, e.g., id. at ¶ 0145-48. The client browsers are then refreshed. See, e.g., id. at 0151-53.

Thiyagarajan does not disclose the elements of claim 1. Instead, Thiyagarajan is directed to a “hybrid method of updating a cache memory ...” Thiyagarajan, ¶ 0017 (emphasis added). Depending on the cache update policies, Thiyagarajan uses notification or periodic updates to refresh the cache memory. Id. at ¶ 0043 (“Depending on the cache update policies, the data stored in cache memory is updated by multiple methods.”) (emphasis added). Thiyagarajan does not, however, disclose updating information other than the cache memory, such as in a client browser. Accordingly, Thiyagarajan does not disclose the steps of “sending a message to the client; and ... automatically requesting the changed data.” Therefore, because Thiyagarajan fails to disclose or suggest all claim limitations, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent claims 1, 11-14, and all claims dependent thereon, be withdrawn.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants believe that no fees are necessary in connection with the filing of this document. In the event any fees are necessary, please charge such fees, including fees for any extensions of time, to the undersigned's Deposit

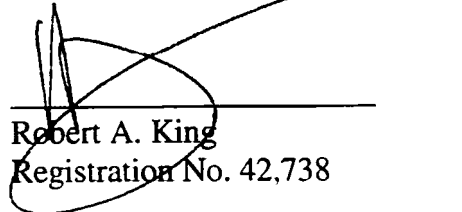
¹ Independent claims 11, 12, 13 and 14 recite similar limitations.

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